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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Working of the Stores Purchase Committee for the year 1931-32.

READ—

The Annual Administration Report on the working of the Stores Purchase Committee for the year 1931-32, received with letter No. S. P. C. 6850, dated the 4th October 1932, from the Secretary of the Committee.

ORDER NO. G. 3054-105—G. M. 46-32-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE
5TH NOVEMBER 1932.

Recorded.

2. Rajakaryaprasakta Diwan Bahadur M. N. Krishna Rao, B.A., First Member of Council continued to be the President of the Committee, except during the period from 12th August to 16th December 1931, when Mr. S. P. Rajagopalachari, B.A., B.L., Officiating Second Member of Council held the Office of President of the Committee. The term of the Non-Official Members of the Committee, Messrs. B. K. Garudachar and D. A. Adinarayana was extended for a further period of one year from 3rd October 1931.

3. The scheme of a centralized organisation for the purchases of all Departments having proved advantageous, it was made permanent from the 7th April 1932.

4. The Committee met four times during the year and in addition to transacting the usual business relating to the disposal of tenders, etc., considered general questions connected with the economical handling of materials purchased and the development of local resources for meeting departmental requirements. At the instance of the Committee, the Senior Surgeon was deputed to visit Calcutta for investigating, among other things, the possibilities of manufacturing at a reduced cost drugs and medicines

locally out of raw materials available in the State. As a result of these enquiries and on the recommendation of the Committee, Industrial Laboratory has been entrusted with the manufacture and supply of certain drugs and medicines required for the use of medical institutions in the State.

5. The arrangement with the Madras Port Trust referred to in the last year's review regarding the adoption of a flat rate of harbour dues was brought into force with effect from the 3rd of November 1931. This has necessitated the conclusion of a fresh agreement with Messrs. Best & Co., Clearing Agents, under which they have to land all foreign consignments of the Committee at certain scheduled rates agreed to by them. It is stated that this arrangement has resulted in a saving of Rs. 2,500 per annum to Government.

6. The total value of Stores purchased both in India and abroad amounting to Rs. 21,74,317 against Rs. 44,14,520 in 1930-31. Of this, the sum of Rs. 10,53,865 represents the value of articles made in India. The marked fall in the value of purchases made by the Committee was mainly due to the reduction of grants to some of the purchasing Departments.

7. It is reported that temporary difficulties were experienced in securing firm prices in the case of stores purchased from America and Germany owing to England going off the Gold Standard and the frequent enhancement of customs and excise duties by the Government of India.

8. The incidence of cost of the Stores Purchase Committee and allied organisations for the purchase of stores was 1.65 per cent, during the year under report as against 0.83 per cent during last year.

9. The work of the Committee continued to be satisfactory.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Working of the Registration Department for the year 1931-32.

READ—

Letter No. Per. 28—31-32, dated 3rd October 1932, from the Inspector-General of Registration in Mysore, forwarding a report on the working of the Registration Department in Mysore, during 1931-32 together with the prescribed statistical statements.

ORDER NO. FL. 2403-13—REGIS. 7-32-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE
31ST OCTOBER—4TH NOVEMBER 1932.

Recorded.

2. The total number of documents registered during the year was 1,23,260 as against 1,27,281 in the year previous and the aggregate value of such documents also fell from 415.67 lakhs in 1930-31 to 398.42 lakhs in the year under review, the fall being mainly attributable to the continuance during the year of the economic depression which prevailed in 1930-31. The total revenue of the Department declined from Rs. 2,95,196 in 1930-31 to Rs. 2,92,249 in the year under review. The total expenditure was reduced to Rs. 1,77,453 from Rs. 1,85,992 in 1930-31 as the result of general retrenchment and salary cut.

3. In addition to the usual inspections, surprise visits were paid to 14 Sub Registry Offices by the Officers of the Department and no serious irregularities were observed in the course of inspections.

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Development Department.*